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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Deborah Brown et al.

Serial No.: 09/097,787

Art Unit: 2654

Filed: June 15, 1998

Examiner: Patrick Edouard

FOR: Concise Dynamic Grammars Using
N-Best SelectionRESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTIONAssistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Responsive to the communication dated October 3, 2002, kindly enter the following Remarks. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1 – 4 and 12 - 15 are presently pending in the application.

As requested by the Examine, attached hereto is page 4 of the amendment filed 2/07/02.

REMARKS

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Request for a Withdrawal of the Status of the October 3, 2002 as a Final Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the Finality of the October 3, 2002 be withdrawn as premature. MPEP 706.07 states that “[t]he applicant who is seeking to define his or her invention in claims that will give him or her the patent protection to which he or she is justly entitled should receive the cooperation of the examiner to